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SUBJ: MADAGASCAR ON INDIAN OCEAN AS ZONE OF PEACE

FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT FROM STATEMENT MADE BY MADAGASCAR  
(RAHARIJAONA) IN COMITE I ON 8 NOV. REGARDING IOPZ:

ONE OF THE QUESTIONS OF THE GREATEST INTEREST TO THE  
MADAGASCAR DELEGATION IS THAT OF THE APPLICATION OF  
THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE.

SPEAKING IN THE ASSEMBLY ON 3 OCTOBER 1973, THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER OF MADAGASCAR RAISED THIS FUNDAMENTAL  
PROBLEM FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN THESE TERMS:

"THE CREATION OF ZONES OF PEACE SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH  
IS PLANNED FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY  
BE ONE OF THE INSTRUMENTS WHICH WE COULD USE TO ACHIEVE  
OUR GOALS OF DISARMAMENT, PEACE AND SECURITY. ACTUALLY,  
IN THE CASE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE CREATION OF A ZONE  
OF PEACE WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE COUNTRIES CON-  
CERNED TO GET TOGETHER IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CO-OPERATION  
BASED ON GENUINE MUTUAL TRUST.

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"OUTLAWING THE PRESENT RACE -- WHICH IN FACT DRAWS HEAVILY ON THE THEORY OF SPHERES OF INFLUENCE -- WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE MATERIAL RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRIES IN THAT AREA FOR PURELY PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IT WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE THE GUARANTEE OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE GENUINE SOVEREIGNTY OF THOSE COUNTRIES WITHOUT RISKING DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTERFERENCE."

(A/PV.2139, P. 61)

THAT STATEMENT STILL REMAINS THAT UNDERLYING FOUNDATION OF THE UNVARYING ATTITUDE OF MY COUNTRY TO THE QUESTION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE.

MY DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE HARD WORK DONE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN. WE HAVE NOTED WITH INTEREST THE INFORMATION GATHERED UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S DIRECTIVES. ALTHOUGH WE WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THE NATURE OF THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE SUBJECT IS NOT AN EASY ONE TO COMPREHEND, AND THAT IN ANY CASE THE INFORMATION GATHERED IN THIS WAY WILL HELP TO STRENGTHEN ITS CONVICTION THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN CONTINUE TO BE THE CHOSEN ARENA FOR THE RIVALRY OF THE GREAT POWERS.

IT IS INCIDENTALLY WITH THIS IN MIND THAT MY GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED A COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS ISSUED FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES-UNITED KINGDOM PROJECT TO EXPAND PORT AND AIR INSTALLATIONS ON THE ISLAND OF DIEGO-GARCIA. THAT COMMUNIQUE WAS DISTRIBUTED AS A DOCUMENT OF OUR ASSEMBLY IN DOCUMENT A/9585. I WILL REMIND THE COMMITTEE OF ITS CONCLUDING WORDS:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MALAGASY REPUBLIC:

"REAFFIRMS ITS MOST VEHEMENT OPPOSITION TO ANY POLICY OF 'ZONE OF INFLUENCE' AND HEGEMONY AND ALSO TO ANY CONSTRUCTION OF MILITARY BASES OUTSIDE NATIONAL TERRITORY.

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"APPEALS TO ALL THE FORCES OF PEACE AND PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY TO THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OAU, TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM SO THAT THEY ABANDON THEIR PROJECT.

"REQUESTS ALL THE GREAT POWERS AND THE 'SUPER-POWERS' TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO STRENGTHEN PEACE AND SECURITY

IN THE ZONE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN -- WHICH HAS SO FAR ESCAPED MILITARY CONFLICT -- PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN ACTIVE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO RESTORE PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY IN THE NEIGHBOURING AREA OF THE MIDDLE EAST." (A/9585, ANNEX, P. 2)

CONFIRMING THE TERMS OF THIS COMMUNIQUE, OUR HEAD OF STATE, GENERAL GABRIEL RAMANANTSOA STATED AT THE SECOND SUMMIT MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IN MOGADISCIO:

"SOME GREAT POWERS ARE TRYING TO DISTURB THE TRANQUILLITY OF THE OCEAN WHICH SURROUNDS US CONTRARY TO THE DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS MAKING A ZONE OF PEACE OUT OF THIS OCEAN. IN INJECTING THEIR QUARRELS BETWEEN THE RICH NATIONS, THEY ARE TRYING TO FORCE US AGAINST OUR WILL TO DEFEND A CAUSE WHICH IS NOT OUR OWN."

OUR GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION AND THE VALUE WE PLACE ON OUR SECURITY HAVE PROMPTED US TO MAKE OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS WORK HERE, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, HOWEVER, TO THE DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN SPECIALIZED BODIES OR COMMITTEES.

MY DELEGATION FEELS THAT WE HAVE NOW ARRIVED AT THE STAGE OF DISCUSSING MODES OF ACTION, AND WE SUGGEST FOUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR FUTURE ACTION IN THE AREA OF THE INDIAN OCEAN:

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FIRST, THE PROBLEMS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN MUST NOT BE  
BROKEN UP AND STUDIED PIECEMEAL. THEY SHOULD BE APPROACHED  
IN A GLOBAL FASHION. BUT WITH REGARD TO DISARMAMENT,  
PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MEASURES TO ENSURE  
SECURITY AND MAINTAIN PEACE, WITHOUT LOSING SIGHT  
OF THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

SECONDLY, INITIAL EFFORTS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON CON-  
CERTED ACTION ON THE PART OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED --  
THE COASTAL AND THE HITERLAND NATIONS -- WHICH BEAR  
THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY, WITH A VIEW TO CREATING  
AN ATMOSPHERE OF GENUINE AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE.

THIRDLY, IT IS NECESSARY TO WORK ON THE CLARIFICATION  
OF CERTAIN DEFINITIONS -- FOR EXAMPLE, THE DEFINITION  
OF A DENUCLEARIZED ZONE, A LAND-LOCKED COUNTRY, AND  
SO ON -- AND ALSO ON THE GEOGRAPHICAL DELIMITATION  
OF THE REGION CONCERNED.

FOURTHLY, HENCEFORTH ANY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA SHOULD  
BE PROHIBITED.

THE DELEGATION OF MADAGASCAR IS IN ANY CASE CONVINCED  
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THAT THE CREATION OF PEACE ZONES CAN CONSTITUTE AN  
EFFECTIVE MEANS OF STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY  
AND CANNOT POSSIBLE BE, AS SOME PEOPLE HAVE SAID HERE,  
A LIMITED AND PARTIAL MEASURE CONTRARY TO THE INTER-  
NATIONAL PRACTICE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA OR A DIS-  
CRIMINATORY ONE.  
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